
OSSAS Suspends Scheduled Compliance Reviews, Regulatory Work

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At the close of business March 13, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities's (DODD) Office of System Support and Standards (OSSAS) will suspend regularly scheduled compliance reviews and regulatory work [Plan of Correction (POC) and Plan of Correction - Verification (POC-V)] in response to coronavirus (COVID-19).

All reviews are postponed until future notice. During this period, OSSAS will focus its efforts on reaching out to the provider community to identify needs. This technical assistance will focus on the two most pressing issues facing providers: (1) implementing and following appropriate infection control procedures, and (2) ensuring the health and safety of people with developmental disabilities if staffing or other resources are limited due to the pandemic.

OSSAS will continue to conduct special compliance reviews if necessary, including special compliance reviews of intermediate care facilities (ICFs). If OSSAS determines that a provider is not taking appropriate actions to ensure health and safety or infection control, OSSAS will issue citations and will require providers to immediately correct these issues.

DODD has set up a dedicated [web page](#) for department communications and links to helpful resources that will advise people with disabilities, their families, service providers, direct support professionals, county boards of developmental disabilities, and the community at large.

For specific questions about COVID-19 and additional information and resources, DODD urges you to use the Ohio Department of Health's call center. Call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634), or visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

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